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Re Application of

GROSSMAN, et al.

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Application No.: 09/596,114 ✓

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Title: **NOVEL VECTORS FOR IMPROVING
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LOW COPY PLASMIDS**

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action of April 9, 2003, which included a shortening of the statutory period for reply to three months. A request for a one-month extension of time and the required fee accompany this amendment, extending the period of reply to and including Monday, August 11, 2003, since August 9, 2003 fell on a Saturday. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

In response to the Final Office Action of April 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, including replacement drawings and a copy of the ATCC Receipt for Biological Deposit of pTransSacB, is attached following page 5 of this paper.

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